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MEN OF THE HOUR



HON. T. THOMAS FORTUNE.

The Brilliant Editor of the The New York Age—Just Named as Special Commissioner to Investigate Conditions in Our Insular Possessions.

THE NATION'S CAPITAL

A RECORD OF THE DOINGS OF THE WEEK.

A Busy Season in the Social, Literary and Religious Realm—J. Albert Johnson Booked to Return, They Say—Editor Fortune in Town—Other Matters of Interest.

It is said upon good authority that at the close of the present conference year, about April 1st, Rev. J. Albert Johnson, now in Baltimore, will be reassigned to the pastorate of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, of this city, the appointment by special arrangement to be for the period of ten years. The change is the subject of considerable comment in local ministerial circles.

The formal dedication of Langston School took place last Friday. Addresses were delivered eulogistic of the Hon. John M. Langston, in whose honor the building is named; the principal oration being by Hon. John P. Green, Commissioner Macfarland,

Supt. Montgomery, Jesse Lawson and Bundy assisted. Mrs. Bettie G. Francis presided. A handsome portrait of Mr. Langston was presented by Prof. Lawson. Miss Ella D. Barrier is principal of the Langston School.

The enlarged parish hall, adjoining St. Luke's P. E. church, was dedicated Friday evening of last week with appropriate exercises. Speeches were made by prominent members and friends of the church, and a dainty supper was served by the ladies. The hall was packed and enthusiasm was the order of the hour. The room is now one hundred feet in length, and ample for all ordinary entertainments of the church, giving also increased facilities for the Sunday School and auxiliaries. The expenses of the addition have been fully met.

Tuesday evening the rostrum at Bethel Literary and Historical Association was occupied by Rev. L. C. Sneafe, discussing the question: "Is the Seventh Day the Sabbath of the Christian, according to the Bible?" Rev. Sheafe is an authority on the much-mooted query, and a large audience greeted him on this occasion.

Mr. Emmett J. Scott, private secretary to Dr. Booker T. Washington, passed through the city last Saturday

night, en route to New York, where he joined the "Tuskegee Wizard." He was met at the train by several well-known journalists and educators, and a chat of an hour or so was enjoyed.

Hon. John S. Durham, late U. S. Minister to Hayti, has been appointed assistant attorney before the Spanish Claims Commission. His perfect familiarity with the Spanish language makes this appointment most fitting.

Dr. J. E. Shepard, newly-appointed as a field secretary of the National Sunday School Union, has taken hold of his work with characteristic vim and vigor, and he bids fair to become one of the most useful members of the staff. He is especially adapted to the work assigned to him, and his good-will of both races

THE DRIFT OF EVENTS

PARAGRAPHS THAT TELL THEIR OWN STORY.

Crisp Comment Upon Current Illustrative of the Variegated Thrown Upon the Canvas by Pictures of Washington Life—The Held up to Nature, as it Were.

The South should not be allowed to deprive the Negro of the right to vote, and at the same time enjoy the in-representation made possible



BISHOP ALEXANDER WALTERS.

Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Afro-American Council, Through Whom President Roosevelt's Great Message Against the "Lily White" Republicans Reached the Country.

South. The leading Democratic daily in Raleigh paid him a handsome tribute upon his appointment, and bespoke him eminent success.

Cards are out announcing the wedding of Miss Phillippa Wilkins and Mr. Edward A. Walton to take place at Mt. Jezrell Baptist Church, 5th and E streets, southeast, Thursday evening, November 27.

E. L. Jordan, 515 9th street, n. w., retails the highest grades of beer and liquors. His place is the only one where you can get the famous Brighton Whiskey. One full quart \$1.00 delivered. Telephone 2878 main. Courteous service and moderate prices.